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SUBJECT: AVIAN INFLUENZA: JAPAN WEEKLY REPORT December 07

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[1](#)B. TOKYO 6689 AND PREVIOUS

[1](#)1. There were no significant avian influenza (AI) developments in Japan during the period November 22 to December 07. No human or animal outbreaks of H5N1 AI were reported in Japan during the above period.

-- Importation of Korean Chickens to Stop --

[1](#)2. On November 24, in response to the recent outbreak of avian influenza H5 in South Korea, the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries (MAFF) announced that it has instituted a ban on the importation of live poultry and poultry meat and guts from South Korea. MAFF has requested the South Korean Government to provide more detailed information on the outbreak. Japan imported 1,497 tons of poultry meat and two tons of processed egg products from South Korea in 2005. The GOJ requires all passengers entering from South Korea to sterilize the soles of their shoes. Vehicles arriving from South Korea are also required to be sterilized.

-- Kyoto Sangyo University builds AI research center --

[1](#)3. Kyoto Sangyo University has established a research center for Avian Influenza and opened the facility to the media on November 30. The research center has two experimental laboratories and a reference room with a total area of 284 square meters. Professor Koichi Otsuki, former Director of the Avian Zoonoses Research Center of Tottori University leads the new center. Professor Otsuki will focus research on low pathogenic viruses at the center until another facility for high pathogenic viruses is established in 2008.

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